

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for providing a local computer user with detailed activity information regarding instant messaging sessions of remote users, comprising:

sensing, at a remote computer system, ~~the~~ a number of instant messaging sessions associated with a user of said remote computer system, wherein said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system is a total number of display windows currently open for instant messaging sessions on ~~instant messaging sessions associated with said user of~~ said remote computer system, and wherein said ~~total~~ number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system is a plurality of instant messaging sessions;

conveying said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system from said remote computer system to an awareness server application process;

conveying said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system from said awareness server application to an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system; and

presenting, by said awareness client application process, said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system in a display for said local computer system.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sensing, at said remote computer system, an activity level associated with at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system;

conveying said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions from said remote computer system to said awareness server application process; and

presenting, by said awareness client application process, said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system in said display for said local computer system.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said presenting said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system, and said presenting said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system, comprises:

presenting said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user and said activity level associated with said at least one of said of instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user simultaneously in said display for said local computer system.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user reflects a time at which a

most recent keystroke was entered by said user of said remote computer system in said at least one of said instant messaging sessions.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user reflects a time at which a most recent text message was received by said user of said remote computer system in said at least one of said instant messaging sessions.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user further indicates a time at which said at least one of said instant messaging sessions was initiated.

7. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

sensing, at said remote computer system, an identity of at least one other participant in at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system;

conveying said identity of said at least one other participant from said remote computer system to said awareness server application process; and

presenting, by said awareness client application process, said identity of said at least one other participant in said display for said local computer system.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said presenting said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system comprises presenting a modal

dialog box in response to detection of a request by a user of said local computer system for an instant messaging session with said user of said remote computer system, wherein said modal dialog box provides an interface for said user of said local computer system to provide an indication of whether to terminate said request for said instant messaging session with said user of said remote computer system.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to indicate whether a number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said local computer system is to be shared with other users.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify one or more other users with which a number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said local computer system is to be shared.

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Please add the following new claims:

33. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting, by said awareness client application process, an identity of an initiator of each of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system in said display for said local computer system.

34. (new) A system comprising:

at least one computer readable storage medium said computer readable storage medium having computer-executable program code stored thereon for providing a local computer user with detailed activity information regarding instant messaging sessions of remote users, said program code comprising

program code for sensing, at a remote computer system, a number of instant messaging sessions associated with a user of said remote computer system, wherein said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system is a total number of display windows currently open for instant messaging sessions on said remote computer system, and wherein said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system is a plurality of instant messaging sessions,

program code for conveying said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system from said remote computer system to an awareness server application process,

program code for conveying said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system from said awareness server application to an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, and

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system in a display for said local computer system.

35. (new) The system of claim 34, said program code further comprising:

program code for sensing, at said remote computer system, an activity level associated with at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system;

program code for conveying said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions from said remote computer system to said awareness server application process; and

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system in said display for said local computer system.

36. (new) The system of claim 35, said program code further comprising:

program code for presenting said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user and said activity level associated with said at least one of said of instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user simultaneously in said display for said local computer system.

37. (new) The system of claim 36, wherein said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user reflects a time at which a most recent keystroke was entered by said user of said remote computer system in said at least one of said instant messaging sessions.

38. (new) The system of claim 37, wherein said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user reflects a time at which a most

recent text message was received by said user of said remote computer system in said at least one of said instant messaging sessions.

39. (new) The system of claim 38, wherein said activity level associated with said at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said remote user further indicates a time at which said at least one of said instant messaging sessions was initiated.

40. (new) The system of claim 38, said program code further comprising:

program code for sensing, at said remote computer system, an identity of at least one other participant in at least one of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system;

program code for conveying said identity of said at least one other participant from said remote computer system to said awareness server application process; and

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said identity of said at least one other participant in said display for said local computer system.

41. (new) The system of claim 34, wherein said program code for presenting said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system comprises program code for presenting a modal dialog box in response to detection of a request by a user of said local computer system for an instant messaging session with said user of said remote computer system, wherein said modal dialog box provides an interface for said user of said local computer system to provide an indication of whether to terminate said request for said instant messaging session with said user of said remote computer system.

42. (new) The system of claim 34, said program code further comprising:

program code for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to indicate whether a number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said local computer system is to be shared with other users.

43. (new) The system of claim 34, said program code further comprising:

program code for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify one or more other users with which a number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said local computer system is to be shared.

44. (new) The system of claim 34, said program code further comprising:

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, an identity of an initiator of each of said instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system in said display for said local computer system.

45. (new) A computer program product comprising:

a computer readable storage medium said computer readable storage medium having computer-executable program code stored thereon for providing a local computer user with detailed activity information regarding instant messaging sessions of remote users, said program code comprising

program code for sensing, at a remote computer system, a number of instant messaging sessions associated with a user of said remote computer system, wherein said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system is a total number of display windows currently open for instant messaging sessions on said remote computer system, and wherein said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system is a plurality of instant messaging sessions,

program code for conveying said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system from said remote computer system to an awareness server application process,

program code for conveying said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system from said awareness server application to an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, and

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said number of instant messaging sessions associated with said user of said remote computer system in a display for said local computer system.